

Port Authority Working Group

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Attendance: Commissioner Catherine H. Smith (Co-Chair), Kevin Cavanagh, Pamela Elkow, Bill Gash, Zach Hyde, John Johnson, Stan Mickus, Joseph Riccio, Thomas Santa, Tony Sheridan, Geoff Steadman, Brian Thompson, Parker Wise

Others Present: Charles Beck, Tammy Daugherty, Charles Hunter, Karla Lindquist, TJ Magnoli, Rob Michalik, Nick Neeley, Frank Rogers, Joe Salvatore, Tim Sullivan

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

- 1.) Introductions
- 2.) Presentation on the New England Central and Providence & Worcester Railroads by Charles Hunter and Frank Rogers
 - Important that Connecticut ports have outbound freight options created
 - Low freight potential to Bridgeport Port, service currently available to Stratford industrial
 - Discussion of growth in freight, key in New Haven is to figure out how to connect into terminals at port, New England Central close to 2008 activity levels
- 3.) Recommended Items for Further Discussion with the Connecticut General Assembly Regarding Substitute Bill 6816 led by Deputy Commissioner Tim Sullivan and Zach Hyde
 - Length of time that PA will be administratively housed in DECD
 - Statement of purpose expanded to include smaller harbors and recreational boating
 - Harbormaster housing options (not currently in Bill): DEEP, public safety
 - Responsibilities and scope of executive director in legislation
 - Schedule for Bill revision and process in legislature
 - Dredging costs and future allocations for small harbors
- 4.) Review of Proposed CPA Executive Director Job Description
 - Appropriate salary

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.